

2023 WILDFIRE RESOURCES

from Mann-Grandstaff VA Medical Center

509-434-7762 for Chaplain Services if needed

If Veterans have base access, they can go to the Red Morgan Center on base from 8am-8pm they have food, and tons of other supplies. Contact is 509-247-1800

If unable to return home due to fires, DSHS has secured a block of hotel rooms at Spokane Valley Oxford Suites. Contact Julie Beth Morgan (BHA) at juliebeth.morgan@dshs.wa.gov or Melisa Headman (DDA) at melisa.headman@dshs.wa.gov

Country Church of the Open Bible located at 40015 N Collins Rd, Elk. 509-292-8870 They have clothes and supplies for children and adults and lots of resources and kind faces.

Evacuation Sites for the Gray Fire, Medical Lake, Wash.:

Evacuation Center: Spokane Falls Community College (3410 W Whistalks Wy, Spokane, WA 99224)

Medical Lake residents with horses and trailers can evacuate to:

Airway Heights Walmart (1221 S Hayford Rd, Spokane, WA 99224)

Airway Heights Grocery Outlet (10831 West State Hwy, Airway Heights, WA 99001)

Animals that need to be evacuated can be taken to:

Spokane County Fair and Expo Center (404 N Havana St # 1, Spokane Valley, WA 99212)

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Evacuation Sites for Oregon Rd. Fire, Elk, Wash.:

Evacuation Center: Red Cross has set up an evacuation site at Riverside High School (4120 E Deer Park Milan Rd, Chattaroy, WA). Large animals can be taken to the Newport Rodeo Grounds if needed per Pend Oreille Co Sheriff.

Indoor air center shelter options: The Trent Resource and Assistance enters will be open 24/7 located at 4320 E. Trent Ave. in East Spokane starting Saturday. The center will remain open whenever the Air Quality Index remains 201 or above, or, labeled "very unhealthy."

Spokane Transit Authority Plaza: Open during business hours of 5 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. - 11:30 p.m., and 6 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday. STA grants bus fare exceptions during extreme weather to customers who are unable to afford travel to shelters.

The Salvation Army is a resource for people to connect with local shelters. Call 509-280-6860 or 509-280-6894 for a ride.

Spokane Public Library locations: Libraries will be open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Central (906 W. Main St)
Shadle Park (2111 W. Wellesley Ave.)
Liberty Park (402 S. Pittsburg St.)
Hillyard (4110 N. Cook St.)
South Hill (3324 S. Perry St.)
Indian Trail: (4909 W. Barnes Road)

Evacuation info can be found at following:

[Wildfire Safety | American Red Cross](#)

[Evacuation Checklist | Living With Fire](#)

[Wildfires | Ready.gov](#)

[Evacuate or Stay Put | disasterassistance.gov](#)

[Evacuation | Ready.gov](#)

Red Cross info can be found at following:

[American Red Cross Near Me | Find Your Local Red Cross](#)

[Disaster Shelters | Find Shelters | American Red Cross](#)

[Wildfire Safety | American Red Cross](#)

[Wildfire Relief Information | American Red Cross](#)

[Mobile Apps and Voice-Enabled Skills and Actions | American Red Cross](#)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Update:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) authorized the use of federal funds to help with firefighting costs for the Gray Fire and the Oregon Fire burning in Spokane County, Washington.

FEMAGs are provided through the President's Disaster Relief Fund and are made available by FEMA to assist in fighting fires that threaten to cause a major disaster. Eligible items can include expenses for field camps; equipment use, repair, and replacement; mobilization and demobilization activities; and tools, materials, and supplies. This authorization makes FEMA funding available to pay 75 percent of the state's eligible firefighting costs under an approved grant for managing, mitigating, and controlling designated fires. These grants do not provide assistance to individual home or business owners and do not cover other infrastructure damage caused by the fire.

In addition to the firefighting funds authorized under these FEMAGs, another \$2,450,064 will be available to the State of Washington through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Post Fire for the mitigation of future wildfires and related hazards, such as flood after fire or erosion. Some eligible wildfire project types include defensible space measures, ignition-resistant construction, and hazardous fuels reduction. The Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 authorizes FEMA to provide HMGP Post-Fire funds to eligible states and territories that receive Fire Management Assistance declarations and federally recognized tribes that have land burned within a designated area.

If you are a WFSE member and have been impacted by the fires:

If you need immediate assistance: contact WFSE President Mike Yestramski at 253-325-0934 or WFSE Vice President Ashley Fueston at 360-581-1293

If you need assistance or guidance but can wait: contact WFSE's Member Connection Center at MCC@wfse.org or 833-622-9373. If calling over the weekend, please leave a message.

If you are a WFSE member who has been financially impacted by the fires:

Apply for assistance from the Foundation for Working Families disaster relief fund (\$1000 - \$5000), which is administered by the Washington State Labor Council. [Apply for relief directly online here.](#)

AFSCME has confirmed that they will activate the AFSCME Fallen Heroes Fund for this disaster. The fund The AFSCME Fallen Heroes Fund provides relief and immediate assistance to members who fall victim to natural disasters and other tragedies. We will provide information about applying to the fund as soon as we receive it.

One of our member benefits is the Union Plus credit card. If you are a Union Plus credit card holder, you can apply for the Union Plus Disaster Relief Fund (\$500). If you have a Union Plus Mortgage or insurance policy through Union Plus you may be able to receive payment extensions. [Find information here.](#)

Red Cross relief available:

The Red Cross provides emergency grants of around \$350-800 depending on extent of damage and household size. You can contact them at (509) 326-3330.

Contact WA211 for Community Resources: If you are in need of temporary shelter, call 211 or visit WA211.org

Individual and Small Business Assistance:

The Washington Emergency Management Division Human Services Program works with Federal, State, and Local partners to support disaster preparedness and recovery for Washington's individuals, households, and businesses. Programs include:

- **The Individual Assistance Program (IA):** IA is the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) program to support individual and business recovery and is authorized through a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration. The IA program has multiple components including cash assistance and crisis counseling, a detailed declaration process and benefits that vary depending on several factors. [For more information, please click here.](#)
- **The Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Loan Program:** SBA disaster loans are available even without a Presidential Disaster Declaration and are a great tool to provide low-interest loans to individuals, families, businesses and organizations that suffer physical or economic loss due to a disaster or other disruption. [For more information, please click here.](#)
- **Limited English Proficiency Program:** The LEP program supports language accessibility for individuals, families and businesses by working with state and local governments and community organizations to promote preparedness activities in communities around the state. [For more information, please click here.](#)

- **Disaster Resilience, Recovery and Restoration:** Disaster Recovery includes both pre-disaster recovery planning and post-disaster recovery to re-envision and restore a community. Technical assistance and information are available for local governments, special districts, and organizations. [Please click here for more information.](#)

The Human Services Program offers training to local jurisdictions in the Individual Assistance and Small Business Administration Programs as well as technical assistance in developing Disaster Recovery programs and Limited English Proficiency and Access and Functional Needs outreach and support strategies. For training, questions, or other assistance, please contact the Human Services Program Manager (below).

Individual Assistance, SBA, other Human Services Programs

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Governor Inslee

Washington State officially in State of Emergency [Gov. Jay Inslee declares state of emergency for fires across Washington | Wildfires | khq.com](#)

WA Dept. of Health

Much of Washington state is [breathing unhealthy air](#) due to wildfire smoke from fires in Washington and Canada. [Air quality alerts](#) are active for many Tribal nations and 13 central Washington counties. The state Department of Health recommends residents in affected areas monitor air quality, close windows, filter indoor air, check on vulnerable loved ones, and keep pets indoors. “Wildfire smoke season is here in Washington, which means we need to be proactive about taking steps to protect ourselves,” said DOH air quality policy specialist Kaitlyn Kelly. [Wildfire smoke is causing unhealthy air conditions for much of the state | Washington State Department of Health](#)

Wildfire map

[Washington Wildfire Map - Current Washington Wildfires, Forest Fires, and Lightning Strikes | Fire, Weather & Avalanche Center \(fireweatheravalanche.org\)](#)

Alerts

SCEM - Spokane County Emergency Management: [Emergency Management | Spokane County, WA](#)

SREC - Spokane Regional Emergency Communications: [SREC 911 - Home \(spokane911.com\)](#)

Register for Okanogan County Emergency Alerts [Okanogan County Emergency Management](#)

Register for WA State Alerts [Alerts | Washington State Military Department, Citizens Serving Citizens with Pride & Tradition](#)

Air Quality

Check out air conditions in your area [Real-Time Air Quality Map | PurpleAir](#)

Air Quality Index information [Air Quality Index | American Lung Association](#)

Smoke Forecast WA State [Smoke Forecast \(wa.gov\)](#)

Tips for living with Wildfire Smoke

[Create a Clean Room to Protect Indoor Air Quality During a Wildfire | US EPA](#)

[Wildfires and Smoke | US EPA](#)

[10 tips for coping with wildfire smoke, from a public health expert | PBS NewsHour](#)

How to make a box fan air purifier: Three different ways!

[How to Make a Box Fan Air Purifier: 3 Different Methods | Digital Trends](#)

Driving

[10 Driving Safety Tips During Wildfire Smoke: Tips and Tricks! \(cashcarsbuyer.com\)](#)

WA DOT: With ongoing wildfires continuing to affect roads, a reminder of three places you can stay looped in on closures/openings:

WSDOT - Washington State Department of Transportation: [Washington State Department of Transportation](#)

Real-time map on our website: <https://wsdot.com/Travel/Real-time/Map/>

Our app: <https://wsdot.wa.gov/travel/mobile-app-and-social-media>

Email alerts: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOT/subscriber/new>

Apps to track fires and status:

[The Best Apps and Websites for Tracking Wildfires | Digital Trends](#)

[Watch Duty - Stay Safe From Wildfires When Seconds Count](#)

Fire Finder, DisasterAlert, Fireguard

Apps to track air quality:

- AirVisual. [AirVisual Air Quality App | IQAir](#)
- AirMatters.
- Plume Labs: Air Quality App.
- Check Air Quality.
- BreezoMeter.
- Haze: Air Quality & Weather.
- Air Quality Tracker: Pollution.
- My AQI Air.